

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 13 and 14 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1, the only independent claim, has been amended. The amendment corrects an editorial error without narrowing the scope of the claim, and is supported at least by Figure 1. The specification and abstract have been amended to correct this error as well.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,946,612 (Johansson). Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Johansson. Applicants submit that amended independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited art.

Amended claim 1 is directed to a method of reselecting a cell by a mobile terminal in idle mode in a cellular telecommunication network in which the network sends to the terminal a list containing information with regard to the UMTS cells to be identified, and the terminal periodically performs a series of procedures of identifying the cells and a series of intersystem measurements on the identified cells. Between two successive procedures of identification, the terminal performs a series of procedures of measurement whose duration is fixed so that total duration for performing a procedure of identification and the subsequent series of procedures of measurement is less than 25 seconds.

Johansson discusses communicating measurement reports every 0.48 seconds to the base station controller. However, Applicants fail to find in Johansson any teaching or suggestion that between two successive procedures of identification, the terminal performs a series of procedures of measurement whose duration is fixed so that total duration for performing a procedure of identification and the subsequent

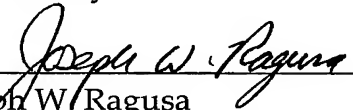
series of procedures of identification measurement is less than 25 seconds, as recited in amended claim 1.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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